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We're still hottest housing market

12-MONTH STREAK WITH NO END IN SIGHT

Tech draws newcomers; fewer homes for sale

By MIKE ROSENBERG
Seattle Times business reporter

Seattle is now a full year into its reign as the hottest housing market in the country, an unusually long surge that doesn't look likely to end anytime soon.

Single-family home prices across the metro area grew 13.2 percent in August compared to a year prior, easily the most in the nation and twice the U.S. average, according to the monthly Case-Shiller home-price index, released Tuesday.

Las Vegas replaced Portland as second behind Seattle after the two Pacific Northwest cities had been the top two markets since last year.

Seattle has had the biggest annual home-price gains of any region in the country for 12 straight months. That's the fifth-longest streak in the country since 2000, and the longest since Phoenix led the nation in home-value increases for 13 months in a row from 2012 to 2013.

Seattle has been a national standout like this only once before. From the summer of 2007 through mid-2008, as the U.S. housing market was heading toward collapse, Seattle also topped the country for a year straight, right

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Las Vegas bumps Portland

Fastest-rising home prices compared with a year ago

1. Seattle	2. Las Vegas	3. San Diego
+13.2%	+8.6%	+7.8%
4. Detroit	**4. Denver**	**4. Portland**
+7.2%	+7.2%	+7.2%

Source: Case-Shiller home-price index

Truck driver kills at least 8 in Manhattan 'act of terror'

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Bicycles and debris are scattered after eight people were killed and 11 injured when a truck plowed into crowds on a bike path.

BARRELED DOWN CROWDED NEW YORK BIKE PATH

Motorist rams school bus, shouts 'God is great,' shot by police

By BENJAMIN MUELLER, WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM and AL BAKER
The New York Times

NEW YORK — A man in a rented pickup plowed down a crowded bike path along the Hudson River in Manhattan on Tuesday, killing at least eight people and injuring 11 before being shot by a police officer in what officials are calling the deadliest terrorist attack in New York City since Sept. 11.

The rampage ended when the motorist — whom police identified as Sayfullo Saipov, 29 — smashed into a school bus, jumped out of his truck and ran up and down the highway waving a pellet gun and paintball gun and shouting "Allahu akbar," Arabic for "God is great," before he was shot in the abdomen by the officer. He remained hospitalized in critical condition late Tuesday.

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Fred Beckey, 1923-2017

He sought adventure from peak to peak

AN ICON | The climber lived life at full throttle, sharing his experience with younger climbers, writing books — and howling at the moon

By EVAN BUSH
Seattle Times enterprise producer

Climber Fred Beckey

Fred Beckey defied gravity, social convention and, for as long as he could, even the aging process, in his relentless pursuit to climb peaks in the Northwest and beyond.

The grizzled alpinist, who grew up in Seattle, died Monday at age 94, after about eight decades of exploration.

Renowned not only for creative first ascents on towering rock but also his research, Mr. Beckey meticulously studied the Cascades, drawing from personal experience and historical documents to produce several volumes on the range revered by climbers today as "Beckey's Bible."

"He opened up the doors to Valhalla for us outdoor enthusiasts," said Joe Catellani, who was a climbing partner of Beckey's in the 1990s. "That's why everybody's so grateful … he did the dirty work of discovery."

Mr. Beckey approached climbing and its documentation with uncommon gusto and near single-mindedness,

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Ex-King County deputy's settlement lacked proper oversight

King County Sheriff John Urquhart

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$160,000 was broken up into separate payments

By LEWIS KAMB
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Two years ago, King County paid an outspoken sheriff's deputy more than $160,000 in cash, legal costs and back pay as part of an unusual settlement that was structured in a way that it did not receive the required level of scrutiny for a settlement of that amount.

Officials say the settlement payout — brokered by the county's risk managers, lawyers and Sheriff's Office — was aimed at removing a troublesome deputy, prone to insubordination and unwarranted attacks on his superiors, to ensure he would never again work for King County.

Brian Barnes, the former deputy who is now a police officer in Massachusetts, says the deal sought to muzzle his attempts to expose wrongdoing within the Sheriff's Office.

Whichever the case, county negotiators failed to seek required approval from King County Executive Dow Constantine, despite agreeing to pay the deputy an amount well above the $100,000 threshold that required the executive's

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